

West Carroll Parish



"Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community"

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	West Carroll	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	23.4%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	31.4%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	12.2%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$5,981	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	93.9%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	4.0%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	14.2	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	83.7%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	77.7%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	9.2%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	22.0%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	0.0	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	227.4	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	65.0	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	0.0	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	405.4	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	235.2	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	**	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	18.5	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	2.8	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 8	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	25.7%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI>30 (adults 20+)	28.7%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	72.5%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	80.4%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	61.5%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United States, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

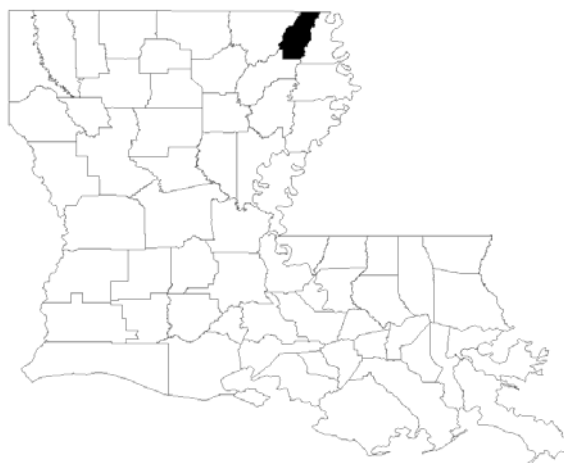
Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EMS/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

Organized on March 28, 1877, West Carroll was separated from East Carroll Parish when the original Carroll Parish was divided. Open the northern door to Louisiana, and drive the Bienville Trace, Poverty Point Parkway, and Grant's marsh Scenic Byways along the natural landscape of East Carroll and West Carroll Parishes.

Experience rich plantation farm systems, Louisiana cotton and Mississippi River delta culture as you drive to prehistoric Poverty Point and historic Grant's March of the Vicksburg Campaign.



Parish Seat³ Oak Grove

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

- Oak Grove

Parish Population⁴

2000..... 12,314

2003 (estimate)12,236

2000 Population by Race

White..... 79.9%

African-American 18.9%

Some other race..... 1.2%

Hispanic or Latino (of any race) 1.3%

2000 Population by Age

Under 5 years 6.0%

5-14 14.4%

15-17 5.2%

18-19 3.0%

20-24 6.7%

25-64 49.1%

65 & over 15.5%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation 120ft.

Land area in square miles359

Water area in square miles0.9

Climate**Average temperatures**

Annual..... 64°

January 52°

July..... 91°

Annual average rainfall..... 57 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

LaSalle Parish

Civilian.....	5,012
Employed	4,230
Unemployed.....	782
Unemployment.....	15.6%

Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- University of Louisiana at Monroe

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2. Louisiana Office of Culture Recreation and Tourism, 1998. keywords: regional information, <http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>.
3. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <http://www.census.gov>.
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <http://www.census.gov>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls.